Statement

Statement-wise breakup of persons under detention

Serial No.	State	Persons detained
1.	Assam	28
2.	Gujarat	18
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	8
4.	Karnataka	01
5.	Maharashtra	50
6.	Punjab	4
7.	Rajasthan	05
8.	Tamil Nadu	17
9.	Uttar Pradesh	03
10.	West Bengal	06
11.	UT Chandigarh	01
12.	UT Delhi	01
	GRAND TOTAL:	142

Steps to increase strength of women in army

†*527. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of women in the army at present;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the percentage of women in the army; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Women are inducted into the Army as officers. There are 1014 women officers in the Army presently (excluding Army Medical Corp, Army Dental Corp and Military Nursing Service), out of a total number of 35461 (posted strength) officers. The percentage of women officers in the Army (excluding Army Medical Corp, Army Dental Corp and Military Nursing Service) is therefore 2.86%. There is no fixed percentage laid down for induction of women officers into the Army. However, the appointment of women officers has been progressively extended to different branches in the Army over a period of time. Measures to improve the intake of officers, including women, in the Defence Services is a continuous process.

†*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.*